

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before paragraph [0001], insert new paragraph [0000] as follows:

[0000] The disclosure of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-072731 filed on March 15, 2004, including the specification, drawings and abstract is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0007] According to an aspect of the invention, there is provided a fuel injection apparatus for an internal combustion engine which performs a direct injection operation for injecting fuel from an injector for cylinder injection into a cylinder and a port injection operation for injecting fuel from an injector for intake port injection into an intake port. In this fuel injection apparatus for an internal combustion engine, when a request to change a fuel injection mode from a mode of fuel injection from the injector for cylinder injection to a mode of fuel injection from the injector for intake port injection is made, the fuel injection mode of a particular cylinder ~~is set to a fuel injection mode which can be set for a particular cylinder according to~~ changed at a point of time at which ~~according to~~ the request to change the fuel injection mode ~~is made~~ for the particular cylinder.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0008] According another aspect of the invention, there is provided a fuel injection control method for an internal combustion engine which performs a direct injection operation for injecting fuel from an injector for cylinder injection into a cylinder and a port injection operation for injecting fuel from an injector for intake port injection into an intake port. In this fuel injection control method for an internal combustion engine, when a request to change a fuel injection mode from a mode of fuel injection from the injector for cylinder injection to a mode of fuel injection from the injector for intake port injection is made, ~~a~~ the fuel injection mode of a particular cylinder ~~is set to a fuel injection mode which can be set for a particular~~

~~cylinder according to~~changed at a point of time ~~at which~~according to ~~the~~ request to change the fuel injection mode ~~is made~~ for the particular cylinder.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0009] According to the above-mentioned fuel injection apparatus and fuel injection control method for an internal combustion engine, in the internal combustion engine which performs the direct injection operation for injecting fuel from the injector for cylinder injection into the cylinder and the port injection operation for injecting fuel from the injector for intake port injection into an intake port, when a request to change the fuel injection mode from the mode of fuel injection from the injector for cylinder injection to the mode of fuel injection from the injector for intake port injection is made, the fuel injection mode of a particular cylinder ~~is set to the fuel injection mode which can be set for the particular cylinder according to~~changed at a ~~the~~ point of time ~~at which~~according to the request to change the combustion mode ~~is made~~ for the particular cylinder. Accordingly, transition of the fuel injection mode to the optimum fuel injection mode is performed in a short time, and a required amount of air-fuel mixture can be obtained. As a result, it is possible to suppress fluctuation of torque and deterioration of emission.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.